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Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street Ste. 1155
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Re: Comments on draft programmatic EIS/EIR

Ranchers and farmers in El Dorado County have several concerns regarding the Cal-Fed proposals. These concerns include:

- the solutions to the bay-delta region's environmental problems must include assurances that farmers, urban residents and industries will also have their water needs met with regard to reliable water supplies and quality;
- the bay-delta solution must include a commitment to new water storage to meet the needs of all users. Water must be captured during wet years to meet human and environmental needs in years of drought;
- the cost of delta improvements and new water supplies must be shared fairly;
- Cal-Fed proposals must honor the government's long-standing commitment to protect the water rights of regions where the water originates. This factor is particularly critical for those of us in the Sierra Foothill regions.

We support a plan to see Cal-Fed succeed, but the plan must benefit agriculture in our region and throughout our state.

Sincerely,

Gene Oliver

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President

cc: K. Maurice Johannessen, Senate Select Committee on CALFED
Merv de Haas, General Manager, El Dorado County Water Agency
Bill Hetland, General Manager, El Dorado Irrigation District

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agriculture and farmers*



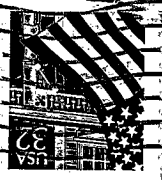
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